# Agenda Item 3: Revised Land and Water Regional Plan work programme through to notification

## Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek feedback from the Environmental Science and Policy Committee on the revised work programme to deliver the draft Land and Water Regional Plan ready for notification by 31 October 2024.

## Background

1. On 27 March 2024, Council requested that staff prepare the draft land and water regional plan for notification by 31 October 2024 and the additional time is used to:
* *review the impact of the RPS decision on the draft plan,*
* *prepare the requested advice for the Minister for the Environment; and*
* *ensure that clause 3 feedback has been appropriately considered and factored into the plan.*
1. Council also requested staff to report back to the May Council meeting with an updated programme of work to reflect the option selected by Council.

## The revised work programme

1. Staff have been working to revise the work programme to reflect the additional tasks required, and how to factor these into the additional time available. Table 1 below provides an overview of key tasks and timeframes.
2. A draft of the revised work programme was considered at the Land and Water Regional Plan Governance Group meeting on 2 May. The Governance Group was comfortable with the revised programme, and considered it would be achievable.

**Table 1: Tasks and key dates through to notification**

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| **Tasks**  | **Start date**  | **End date**  |
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| **Clause 3**  |   |   |
| Meet with some Clause 3, Schedule 1 RMA feedback parties on specific matters | 1 Apr | 31 May |
| Consider Primary Production - Forestry Feedback  | 27 Mar  | 15 May  |
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| **Assessment of the RPS**  |   |   |
| Review Council Decisions on the proposed Regional Policy Statement for Otago (pORPS) and changes to provisions  | 27 Mar  | 30 Apr  |
| Update draft LWRP to give effect to pORPS  | 15 May  | 31 May  |
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| **Report to Minister**  |   |   |
| Prepare report to Minister on costs, benefits and implications of notifying the proposed LWRP before the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 is replaced  | 27 Mar  | 2 May  |
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| **Council Meeting**  | 8 May  |
| Letter and Report to Minister  | 15 May  |
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| **ESP workshop/briefing** * Updated Work Plan
* Overview of pORPS and LWRP changes needed
* Primary Production - Forestry - Clause 3 feedback
* Direction on consent duration
 | 15 May  |
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| **ESP workshop/briefing** * Environmental outcomes
* Options for intensification (‘Grandparenting’ discussion)
* Intensive Winter Grazing, Stock Exclusion and Freshwater Farm Plans (FWFPs)
* Wetlands
 | 28 May  |
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| **Further Drafting of Provisions**  |   |   |
| Strategic Direction  | 1 Apr  | 10 May  |
| Primary Production - Forestry | 16 May  | 24 May  |
| Primary Production - Farming | 29 May  | 7 Jun  |
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| **LWRP - legal review**  |  15 May |  19 Jun |
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| **ESP workshop/briefing - Whole plan**  | Early-mid July (date TBC)  |
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| **Section 32 report - legal review**  |  1 Jul | 9 Aug |
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| **Clause 4A, Schedule 1 RMA consultation**  |   |   |
| Consultation period  | 15 Jul  | 9 Aug  |
| Responding to clause 4A feedback and updating LWRP  | 10 Aug  | 25 Aug  |
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| **Formatting and finalising LWRP and Section 32 report**  | 26 Aug  | 17 Sep  |
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| **Draft LWRP and Section 32 report sent to ESP Committee members**  | 17 Sep  |
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| **ESP workshop/briefing - s32**  | 24 Sep (date TBC)  |
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| **ESP workshop/briefing - Whole plan**  | 9 Oct (date TBC)  |
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| **Council Meeting** * Council Paper
* Finalised Section 32
* Finalised LWRP
* Register of Changes from draft to final versions

  | 23 Oct  |
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| **Notification Date**  | **31 Oct**  |

## Next steps

1. Staff will update the work programme with any feedback received during the Environmental Science and Policy Committee workshop on 15 May, and present the revised work programme to Council for noting on 22 May.